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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Intelligence

SUBJECT : OSR Nominees for Advisory Group  
on Estimating Soviet Military  
Expenditures

1. In connection with the proposal that the Director establish a panel of disinterested experts to advise him on military-economic matters, we have compiled a list of possible members of such a group. In general the alternative professional criteria for our nominees are:

--Publication of works on Soviet economics  
and an established reputation in the field,

or

--Broad experience in evaluating and using  
military-economic analysis, either on the US  
or on the Communist countries, in planning and  
judging US strategic programs.

These criteria led us to consider people from three principal groups: the academic community, those currently or formerly concerned with management of national security affairs, and members of major private research organizations.

2. If an advisory panel is to perform effectively, it appears prudent to select members who have little or no vested interest in the results of our estimates of Soviet defense spending. For this reason I suggest that the membership of the group be weighted in favor of professional economists from colleges and universities.

3. There are a considerable number of professors who fill the bill. We have pared our list to some

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25X1 half dozen. [redacted]  
is knowledgeable on Soviet planning and financial  
practices and, I am told, would be an excellent  
choice not only for the panel but as a possible  
25X1 chairman. [redacted], formerly of RAC and now at  
25X1 [redacted], is another strong candidate  
who has done fine work on Soviet military economics.  
Our list of possibilities from academia also includes

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possibility, although his past employment in OER may  
disqualify him.

3. The Director indicated a desire to consider  
representatives with some governmental experience.  
The Department of Defense, particularly the Office  
of Systems Analysis, has done extensive work on cost  
analysis since the days of Secretary McNamara. Two  
possible panelists are [redacted]

4. We have given some consideration to propos-  
ing for the panel one or two people from research  
organizations such as RAND, RAC and SRI. Many members  
of these organizations have credentials comparable  
to those I've mentioned from the universities. I  
believe, however, that the continuing contract rela-  
tionships their employers maintain with the military  
services makes it especially difficult for them to  
be completely impartial. If this category of activity  
is not to be excluded, the most promising people are

5. I have attached a composite list of the  
persons mentioned above. You may have others in

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mind. Once you have decided on the order in which you want to contact the people, I will have the necessary correspondence prepared for your signature or the Director's.



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Attachment:  
List of Nominees

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